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SUBJECT .... Regarding S.U.N. Meeting and Formation of Shree Arakanese Union Bangalore.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
CB 16-36-129, 132, 144, 157, 158, 166, 169, 187, 190, 193, 194 (Confdl)	

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General and Revenue Secretariat | File No. | of 193 . | [App. F. III—2

Serial No.

From. The Secretary to the Resident.

Do. No. J. 40 / 1937 dated 8.7.1937

Asks for a report on K. Srinivasamurthi Secretary, Mass Awakeners' Union, Bangalore for being Communicated to the Superintendent of Police Madras.

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In this office letter No. 2474 / CB dated 2.4.1937 (referred to in para 2 of the Resy. letter) information regarding S.V.N. Murthy was furnished to them.

This individual is different from Srinivasamurthi a report on whom has now been called for.

Two drafts are put up.

Submd. 13/7 CPA

Appd. Issue and Submit for the perusal of 1st member.

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To. The D.G. of Police

Do. No. 184 / CB 15-37-5 dated 13.7.37

Requests him to furnish a report regarding K. Srinivasamurthi and his activities.

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Submitted

CPA 14/7/37

First Member.

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File No.	of 193 .	General and Revenue Secretariat

D.O. letter No. F 40/1937 dated 15.7.1937 from the Secretary to the Resident regarding a letter addressed by K. Srinivasa murthy to the President of the Indian National Congress, Allahabad.

Draft of letter to D.G.P put up. ~~(There is~~ nothing of special import ~~)~~

VS. 17.7.37

CHIEF SECRETARY * 17 JUL 193 * GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Appd.

MS 17.7.37

D.O. No. 280 dated 17.7.1937 to the D.G. of Police forwards a copy of the Resy letter for information

Resy

D.O letter No. S.B. 147/36-37 dated 25.7.1937 from the Inspector General of Police furnishing information regarding K Srinivasa murthy.

Draft of letter to Residency is put up.

Appd.

MS 28.7.37

VS. 27/7

CHIEF SECRETARY * 28 JUL 1937 * GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Letter No. 424 dated 28.7.1937 to the Secretary to the Resident issued.

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Serial No.	
8/5	Submitted with a draft and fair of letter to the D.G.P. for perusal. VS 2/8 GPL (1st member) MS 2.8.37
	JP 2/8 MS 2/8
16	Letter to Mr Hamilton issued

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CS File No. 15 of 1937

General and Revenue Secretariat

Letter No. SS 188 dated 10.8.37 from the S.P. Police informs that another Mass Awakening Assocn has been formed at Mysore with certain persons as office bearers etc.

Submitted for perusal: (No action seems necessary)

12/8/37 (CPO) (1st member)

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JPV 13/8

MMS 13/8

DEWAN'S OFFICE
12 AUG 1937
No. 1119

CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVT. OF MYSORE

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Serial No. 45

D.O. Letter No. 740 dated 7.9.37 from the Secy. to the Resident Kindly notice the further activities of M. Srinivasa Murty—, in bringing together the "progressive writers" and forming branches of the "All-India Progressive Writers' Assn." at several places in the Nysore State Submitted with reference as ordered on the pnb

11/9/37. CSR

For perusal.

Secretary & Dewan

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JOY 11/9

M 11-9-37 MS 13/9

If approved, a copy of this Residency letter will be sent to the Dy. Superintendent of Police, for his information Draft of said forwarding it are submitted

affd. MS 15/9

13/9/37. CSR 14/9

D.O. No. 713 dated 14.9.37 To the Dy. Superintendent of Police.

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NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

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OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE MEMBER FOR FINANCE 11 SEP 1937 No. 1111

DEWAN'S OFFICE 11 SEPT. 1937 No. 1887

CHIEF SECRETARY 14 SEP 1937 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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Secret
D.O.No.F.40/1937.

Bangalore, 8th July 1937.

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CB. Confd
MMS 9.7.37
Dear Mr Kesavaiengar.

S.V.N. Murthy.

I am desired to enclose for the information of the Government of Mysore a copy of an appeal dated the 22nd June 1937 and of a letter addressed to the President, Indian National Congress, Allahabad, from K. Srinivasa-murthy, Secretary, Mass Awakeners' Union, Bangalore, copies of which were forwarded to B. Srinivasa Rao, Manager "New Age" No.3 Kondichetty Street, Madras.

2. The Superintendent of Police, Madras, has asked for a report on Srinivasamurthi and I should be very grateful for any additional information which you may be in a position to give regarding him which is not contained in your secret demi-official letter No.2474/CB.16-36-258 of the 2nd April 1937.

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3. I am to request that the secrecy of the interception may be safeguarded.

Yours Sincerely,

Ramalingam.

B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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The Mass Awakener's Union, Bangalore.

An appeal for Democratic United Front.

You are aware of the fact that Section 45 of Mysore Police Regulations has been served on us, the citizens of Bangalore City.

It invariably suppresses our fundamental rights of citizenship namely the usual freedom of assembly and carrying on demonstrations in public. The fact that we have to obtain license curtails the freedom of action under constitutional limits.

The emergency of enacting such a forceful measures on the peaceful citizens is not perceived by the citizens if it be that there was any occasion for the rupture of peaceful vein of events of our Bangalore lift the magistrate could have specifically notified the same in his order and served orders of prohibition on the particular meeting or section of the Bangalorians. On the contrary passing orders of such general nature would mean that the citizens of Bangalore as one unit are deemed by the Magistrate to be worthy of such a repressive measures. This unites the citizens on a common cause of equal repressive treatment at the hands of the Magistrate.

If fundamental right of citizens are to be repressed it behoves us as law abiding citizens to constitutionally demand justice at the hands of our benign Government. Our respected Dewan also has pointed to the fact that we may approach High Court for justice.

If we citizens have to clarify the issue and understand the propriety of the said section 45 of Mysore Police Regulation having been served on us, it is prominent that we should form ourselves into one representative body of the whole city regardless of all our difference of party principles.

The Civil Liberties of citizenship forms the rock bed of freedom of human society. This has to be jealously guarded

by every sane responsible citizen. It is duty of every citizen to stand by his just rights. So we have to-day.

Let the citizens of Bangalore remember that they are primarily citizens of Bangalore irrespective of their individual principles, or the party to which they belong. This least common factor of the sense of responsible citizenship must unite us all, at this moment of its almost need.

Dear Countrymen we appeal to you to join us in the one stream of consciousness of the rights of citizenship and to form one "United Democratic Front" of the City and repeal this emergent provisionary enactment of Section 45. We suggest to our countrymen and women that a "State Civil Liberties Association" may be formed to guard the rights of citizens within our Model State.

Sd/- K. Srinivasamurthy

Secretary, Mass Awakeners' Union, Bangalore.
22.6.37

To The President, Indian National Congress, Allahabad.

Comrade President,

On the eve of 19.6.37 Saturday Sec. 45 Mysore Police Regulations was served on the citizens of Bangalore City.

The order is indirectly meant to put a stop to the active propaganda of the Mass Awakeners' Union and the Sri Ramapuram Workers Club, Bangalore.

The Union conducted several meetings exposing the social evils existant in the State (Membership of the Union is restricted only to primary congress Members). It constitutionally agitated to improve the condition of the labourers whose conditions are worse than in British India.

The workers Club organised a mass meeting to condemn the Municipality and the elected Municipal Councillors who are directly responsible for the enhancement of rent of the newly built municipal labour Colony at Srirampuram (a working class area). The labourers were forced to occupy the above quarters by pressure from the Municipality (Many of the congress councillors are responsible for this enhancement of rent). A huge protest procession of labourers, was arranged by both the organizations on the morning of 20.6.37.

Though 19th Saturday was a general holiday on account of the birthday of H.H. the Maharaja yet the orders were issudd as an emergent measure to stop the procession of the workers. We, as per the present policy of the Congress did not disobey the orders.

Comrade president, we appeal to you to make this an all India question as such repressive measures are very frequent -ly taken up, by the State authorities to suppress the Civil liberties of the people. We request you to issue a statement

to the press immediately and arrange an All India at an early date to condemn the repressive policy of the State.

Secy. Mass Awakeners' Union.

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13th July

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Encl

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

I am desired to forward for your information copy of a Secret D.O. No.F.40/1937 dated 8th July 1937 from the Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident, and of its enclosures, and to request you to kindly furnish a report regarding K. Srinivasa Murthy and his activities.

In my previous letter to the Residency dated 2nd April 1937, referred to in para 2 of the Residency letter information was furnished to them only regarding S. V. N. Murthy on the basis of your office D. O. letter No.S.B. 147/36-37 dated 27th March 1937.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Secy.

F. A. Hamilton, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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12th July

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Dear Mr. Trevelyan,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your Secret D. O. letter No.F.40/1937 dated the 8th instant and to state that the particulars asked for therein regarding K. Srinivasa Murthi will be obtained and sent early. I am to add that the individual regarding whom information was furnished in my Secret demi-official letter No.2474/C.B.16.36.158 dated 2nd April 1937 is S. V. N. Murthy who is a different person from the one now referred to.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Secy.

H. Trevelyan, Esqr., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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D.O.No.F.40/1937.

Bangalore,
15th July 1937.

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K. Srinivasamurthi.

Dear Mr Kesavaiengar.

On the 21st June K. Srinivasamurthi sent a registered cover to the President of the Indian National Congress, Allahabad, containing a typed copy in English of the order of the Bangalore City Magistrate under Section 215 of the Mysore Police Regulation, prohibiting the workers' procession in the City, a typed copy in English of the constitution of the local "Mass Awakeners' Union", and a letter in English requesting the addressee to make the question of the repressive measures of the Mysore Government an All-India one.

Srinivasamurthi gave his address as :-

Secretary, The Mass Awakeners Union,
C/o the "Tai Nadu" Cottonpet, Bangalore.

Yours Sincerely,

H Emerson.

B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,Bangalore.

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Strictly Confidential.

Encl

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

I am desired to forward for your information a copy of confidential D. O. letter No.P.40/1937 dated the 15th instant received from the Residency regarding a letter addressed by K. Srinivasachariar to the President of the Indian National Congress.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Secy.

E.A.Hamilton, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

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F. A. HAMILTON, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

BANGALORE

24th July 1937.

C.B. MK 26/7

Dear Mr. Keshavaiengar,

With reference to your D.O. letter No.184/CB. 15-37-5 of the 13th July 1937 regarding K. Srinivasamurthy and his activities, I write to state that the individual under reference is the son of Mr. K.R. Venkatasubbachar, Retired Assistant Engineer, Mysore Service, residing at "Charmy" Chamundy Extension, Mysore City. He is aged about 23 years. He studied in the Intermediate class at St. Joseph's College, C.&.I. Station, Bangalore and left on account of failure in the final examination. Thereupon he left Bangalore and joined the Civil Disobedience movement in Kanara District of Bombay Presidency. There he was convicted on 23-2-32 by the First Class Magistrate, Ankola, under Sec. 3 of Ordinance Act iii of 1932 and Sec. 17(1) Criminal Law Amendement Act and sentenced to six months R.I. under each count, the sentences to run concurrently. During his stay there, he had given his name as Krishnamurthy ~~xxx~~ Krishna Rao of Bangalore.

On release from Karwar Jail he was deported from British India, arrived at Bangalore on 3-9-32 and subsequently left the place for Mysore.

Later on, he contracted freendship with S.V.Narayanamurthy, alias S.V.N.Murthy of Malleswaram, Bangalore and imbibed the idea of Socialism from him. He was introduced by S.S.Batliwala, an eccentric communist of Bombay, to S.S.Zaheer, a communist and the General Secretary of All India Progressive Writers' Association, with whom he carried on correspondence and made attempts to form Progressive Writers' Association in the State. But he was not successful.

On 9th May 1937 he arranged a public meeting in Bannappa's Park, Bangalore City, to condemn the marriage of persons of advanced age with young girls and induced the audience to agree

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agree to the formation of the "Mass Awakaners' Union", Bangalore City. Accordingly, an Union was formed and he became the Secretary of it. Subsequently, he formed another Association by name "Janajagrathe Sangha" in Mysore City. He took leading part in the formation of the "Civil Liberties Union", recently formed in Bangalore City. At present, his activities are confined to Bangalore and Mysore Cities.

He participates in all the activities of the "Mass Awakaners' Union", Bangalore City and interests himself in Youth Movement.

Yours sincerely,

B. T. Keshavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, Bangalore.

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424/C.S.15-37-14 (B)

Secret. 428/7/37.

Dear Mr. Trevelyan,

With reference to your Secret D.O.Letter NO.F.40/1937 dated the 8th July 1937 asking for information regarding K.Srinivasa Murthy, Secretary, Mass Awakerners' Union, Bangalore, I am desired to furnish the following particulars:-

It is reported that the individual referred to is the son of a retired Engineer Officer of this Govt. and is aged about 23 years. He studied in the Intermediate Class at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, and left the institution on account of his failure in the final examination. Thereupon, he left Bangalore and appears to have joined the Civil Disobedience movement in the Kanara District of Bombay Presidency, ~~Feb. 1932, he was~~ to have been convicted in Feb. 32 by the First Class Magistrate, Ankola, under Sec. 3 of Ordinance Act III of 1932 and Sec. 17 (1) of Criminal Law Amendment Act and sentenced to six months R.I. under each count, the sentences to run concurrently. During his stay there, he seems to have given his name as Krishna Murthy Krishna Rao of Bangalore.

On release from Karwar Jail, he was deported from British India and arrived at Bangalore in Septr. 1932 and later on left for Mysore.

He is a friend of S.V.Narayana Murthy alias S.V.N. Murthy of Malleswaram, Bangalore and has socialistic views.

He appears to have ~~carried on some correspondence with S.S.Zaheer, General Secretary~~ of ~~the All-India Progressive Writers' Association~~ and made some attempts to form a Progressive Writers' Association in the State, ~~But he~~ but was not successful in this.

In May 1937, he arranged a public meeting in Bangalore City to condemn the marriage of persons of advanced age with young girls and induced the audience to agree to the formation of a Union called the "Mass Awakeners' Union" of which he became the Secretary. He took a prominent part subsequently in the formation of a "Civil Liberties Union" in Bangalore City, and of another Association by name "Jana Jagrathi Sangha" in Mysore City. At present his activities are confined to Bangalore and Mysore cities. He participates in the activities of the "Mass Awakeners' Union" and interests himself in the "Youth Movement".

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Secy.

H. Trevelyan, Esqr., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Resident in Mysore.

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28th July 7

Secret.

With reference to your Secret D.O. letter No.F.40/1937 dated the 8th July 1937 asking for information regarding K. Srinivasa Murthy, Secretary, Mass Awakerners' Union, Bangalore, I am desired to furnish the following particulars:-

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H. Trevelyan, Esqr., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Resident in Mysore.

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D.O.No.F.40/1937.

THE RESIDENCY MYSORE

Bangalore, 31st July 1937.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE
2 AUG. 1937
No. 790

Dear Mr Kesavaiengar,

K. Srinivasamurthi.

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I am desired to enclose for the information of the Government of Mysore a copy of a report regarding K. Srinivasamurthi and to request that the secrecy of the interception may be safeguarded.

Yours sincerely
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B.T. Kesavaiengar Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Srinivasamurthi recently wrote to the President of the Indian National Congress that by the untiring efforts of the Mass Awakeners' Union a branch of the All India Civil Liberties Union for Mysore State was formed on the 27th June, which had united the non-Congress forces (Peoples' Party etc) in the Civil Liberties Union. He encloseda list of office bearers who were elected on the 1st instant. He also said that the matter regarding Section 45 of the Mysore Police Regulations had been referred to the Civil Liberties Union at Madras, who were doing their best to protest against the order both in the press and otherwise.

He stated that the Mass Awakeners' Union was formed by the radical elements in the State to gether all youthful and radical forces to the Congress fold, in order to strengthen and activate the Congress within the State. The original idea was for the Congress Socialist Party to work in the State, but as the main body of the Congress was not active and strong, it was thought best to strengthen the Congress first. In the meanwhile, to spread socialist ideals, the Mass Awakeners' Union was formed as it could freely impart socialist thought in all ways of social life. He added that the Mass Awakeners' Union is making a deep survey of all nationalist and socialist forces in the State, with the intention of gathering them all under the Congress banner, and that during the past two months virulent propaganda has been carried on by the Union, basing its agitation on economical factors of day to day life.

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2nd August 7

Secret.

Dear Mr. Hamilton,

I am desired to forward for your information a copy of a report regarding K.Srinivasa Murthy, received through the Residency.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Secy.

F.A.Hamilton, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

SB.D. O. No. 188/36-7

SECRET.

BANGALORE

F. A. HAMILTON, Esq., C.I.E.,
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

7th August, 1937.

Dear Mr.Kesavaiengar,

Referring to copy of D.O.No.F.40/1937 of the 3rd July last, from the Secretary to the Hon'ble Resident in Mysore, for a note on the Mass Awakaners' Union, sent with your Secret D.O.letter No.475/C.B.15-37-21 of the 3rd August, I write to state in continuation of the particulars of the Union, which have already been furnished in my letter No.S.B.188/36-7 of the 3rd July, Mr.K.Srinivasamurthy, Secretary of the Mass Awakaners' Union has formed a similar Union at Mysore with the marginally noted persons as office bearers.

1. Mr.M.Seshadri, President,
2. " K.Sri Ranganathan, Secretary,
3. " Rajasekara Sarma, Member
4. " Gopala Rao, "

Yours sincerely,

F. A. Hamilton

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SECRET.
D.O.No.F.40/1937

Bangalore,
7th September 1937.

C.B.
Refer pm 5/10/19

K. SRINIVASAMURTHI.

Dear Mr Kesavaiengar

In continuation of my Secret demi-official letter No.F.40/37, dated the 31st July 1937, I am desired to say that reliable information has been received that K. Srinivasamurthi is at present engaged in preparing to bring together 'progressive' writers, and hopes to start by the end of October this year branches of the All-India Progressive Writers' Association at Mysore, Nanjangud, Mandya, Bangalore, Kolar, Shimoga and Chitaldrug, after which he will extend his activities to Coorg and other places, hoping to build up the organization within a year. He is making strenuous efforts to open a central office in Bangalore.

He has written to the General Secretary of the All-India Progressive Writers' Association, Lucknow, asking

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asking for the Circulars of the Association and for details of its membership fees, etc; he is determined to collect at least Rs.500/- for the organisation and has asked the General Secretary to let him use part of his collection for the necessary propaganda, pamphlets, etc. He considers that propagandists of the association should first find their way into the hearts of the people by sympathising with them in their daily toil and so obtain popular support.

Yours Sincerely,

Ramaiyar.

B.T. Kesaviengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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14th September 7

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Dear Mr. Hamilton

In continuation of my Secret D.O. letter No.473/C.B.15-37-36 dated 2nd August 1937, I am desired to send for your information a copy of another letter received from the Residency regarding K. Srinivasa Murthi.

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F.A.Hamilton, Esqr., C.I.E.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.